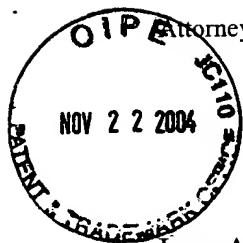


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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated September 24, 2004, kindly
cancel claim 6 and amend claims 1 and 39 as indicated below.